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SUBJECT: WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE ON THE
AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) SERVICE.

1. FOLLOWING COMMENT HAS BEEN SENT TO ITU IN RESPONSE
TO BURINTERNA A75 WHICH REPORTS THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION THE THE WARC-AERONAUTICAL (R)
BE POSTPONED UNTIL FEBRUARY 1978: "NOTWITHSTANDING
DELIBERATIONS OF THE ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, THIS
ADMINISTRATION STRONGLY OPPOSES THE PROPOSED DELAY OF THE
WARC-AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) UNTIL FEBRUARY 1978. ANY
DEFERMENT OF THE 1977 CONFERENCE WILL FURTHER DELAY
IMPLEMENTATION OF A REVISED APPENDIX 27 PROVIDING FOR
SINGLE SIDE-BAND OPERATIONS AND THE DESIGNATION OF CHANNELS
FOR OPERATIONAL CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS. THESE IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY AND
REGULARITY OF FLIGHT. DELAYING THE CONFERENCE WOULD
PROLONG THE ALREADY DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO
THE AVAILABILITY OF FREQUENCY CHANNELS WHICH ARE URGENTLY
REQUIRED."

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2. U.S. AIRCRAFT OPERATING AGENCIES AND ASSOCIATIONS HAVE

REGISTERED WITH DEPARTMENT GREAT CONCERN ABOUT ANY DELAY
IN HOLDING OF THE WARC.

3. CLOSING DATE FOR ITU CONSULTATION IN THIS MATTER
IS JULY 25 MIDNIGHT GMT. REQUEST RESULTS OF CONSULTATION
BE PROVIDED DEPARTMENT SOONEST. KISSINGER

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